

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Reps Adamini, Murphy.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting.

Representative Wojno supported the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Larry Horwitz, President of the Economic Alliance for Michigan; Richard Studley, Senior Vice President of Government Relations for the Michigan Chamber of Commerce; and Tom Boensch, Secretary-Treasurer of the Michigan State Building & Construction Trades Council gave a presentation on behalf of the Michigan Health Purchasers Coalition. Mr. Horwitz, Mr. Studley, and Mr. Boensch also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals also submitted cards on behalf of the Michigan Health Purchasers Coalition, but did not wish to testify.

Robert Kopasz of the State Employee Retirees Association.

Don Noble of the Michigan Education Association.

Jared Rodriguez of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce.

Dawn Williams of Daimler Chrysler.

Cynthia Paul of the Service Employees International Union.

Sarah Hubbard of the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce.

Amy Shaw of the Michigan Manufacturers Association.

Nadine Nosal of the UAW International Union.

The Chair laid HB 4325 before the committee.

<b>HB 4325 Mortimer</b>	Occupations; physicians; performance of needle electromyography and the performance and interpretation of nerve conduction studies; clarify who is authorized to perform.
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Terry Warren and Kathleen Galloway of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association testified in opposition to the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Kellie Osborn of the Legislative Service Bureau answered questions on the bill.

John Palazzo of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Palazzo also submitted written testimony.

Representative Richard Ball submitted written testimony on the bill.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Carl Alden of the Michigan Chiropractic Society.

Kenneth Cole of the American Academy of Neurology and the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

C.K. Bansil of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association. Mr. Bansil also submitted written testimony.

Peter Loubert of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association.

Erik Harris of the Michigan Nurses Association submitted correspondence indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4325. Representative Wojno supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-1-0.**

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: Rep. Ball.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Vander Veen offered the following amendments to substitute (H-1) of HB 4325:

1. Amend page 4, line 22, after “**AND**” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “**HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE PERFORMANCE AND IN TERPRETATION OF ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDIES THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE BOARD MAY CONDUCT ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDIES.**”.

2. Amend page 7, line 15, after “**AND**” by striking out the balance of the subsection and inserting “**HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ADDITIONAL TRAINING IN THE PERFORMANCE AND INTERPRETATION OF ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDIES THAT IS SATISFACTORY TO HIS OR HER RESPECTIVE BOARD MAY CONDUCT ELECTRODIAGNOSTIC STUDIES.**”.

Representative Vander Veen testified in support of the amendments. Questions and discussion

among committee members followed.

Representative Vander Veen moved to adopt the amendments. Representative Ball supported the motion. **The motion failed 3-10-2.**

#### **UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Vander Veen, Ball, McDowell.**

**Nays: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Mortimer, Wojno, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Pass: Reps. Green, Kahn.**

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4325 with recommendation as substitute (H-1). Representative Wojno supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 12-3-0.**

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Wojno, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: Reps. Vander Veen, Ball, McDowell**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Robertson moved to excuse the absence of Representatives Adamini and Murphy. Representative Vander Veen supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

**Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk  
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